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NOTE 2.—About 1795 Robert Brooke, Governor of Virginia, built his home upon Federal Hill, which looks over Sandy Bottom to Marye's Heights, a thousand yards away. Early in this century. Governor Brooke being dead, Federal Hill became the property of the family of Cobb, since of Georgia. Governor Cobb, of Georgia, and his brother, General Sylvanus Cobb, lived there as boys. In the great battle a Federal battery was placed on the lawn of Federal Hill. General Sylvanus Cobb, for the first time since his boyhood, looked again upon his old home from the stone wall at the foot of Marye's Heights. It was the last time he ever saw it, for a cannon ball from that battery tore him to pieces. "Recollections of a Virginian," by General Dabney Herndon Maury.

THE DESCENDANTS OF GOVERNOR ROBERT BROOKE.

Governor Brooke, m. 1786, Mary Ritchie, sister of Thomas Ritchie. of the Richmond *Enquirer* ("Mary Ritchie was married to William Hopper the 12th of November, 1785. William Hopper was the son of Cary Hopper, who married Sarah Cocke, the daughter of Bowler Cocke, the 30th of April, 1757. Departed this life the 14th December, 1785, William Hopper, aged 29 years"); issue, only one child, Richard Brooke, b. August 14, 1787, who m. Selina Daniel Poe. Their issue were:

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THE CHILES FAMILY IN VIRGINIA.

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WALTER CHILES,³ SON OF COLONEL WALTER.

(CONTINUED.)

SECOND GENERATION.

Came to Virginia with his father, as a young man.

Served in the House of Burgesses, sessions 1658-59-60-63. (*Hening*, I, pp. 258, 322.)

In 1660-61 he was appointed, with Sir William Berkeley and others, to act during the recess of the Assembly. (*Hening*, II, p. 211.)

He was eldest son and heir-at-law of his father's estate.

He was church warden of Jamestown Parish. (*Meade's Old Churches*.)

Owned land, by grant, in James City county, bordering on the James River, in 1655 and 1661 (Land Office), and 70 acres granted him as son and heir on May 20, 1670.

He married (Mary) Page, daughter of Col. John Page, the Councillor, (*Virginia Carolorum*, p. 232), and by her had one son and a daughter, viz: John, probably named after Col. John Page, and Elizabeth, after his wife, or the paternal grandmother.

On the death of his first wife he married Susannah ———, and by her had issue, Henry.

He lived at Jamestown, residing at the "Kemp House," inherited from his father. This was probably the first brick dwelling erected in America. It was first erected by Richard Kemp, sold to Sir Francis Wyatt, purchased of him by Sir William Berkeley, and by him conveyed to Col. Walter Chiles. (*Cradle of the Republic*, Tyler.)

The following deed was found among the old Ambler Manuscript, in Washington, by Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, and by his kind permission it is copied:

"Deed of James Wadding of the Parish and County of James City, Clerke and Susannah, his wife (late the wife and executrix of Walter Chiles, of James City, aforesaid, Gent., dec'd) to John Page of Bruton Parish, in the County of York, Merchant; all that messuage or mansion house late in tenure of Richard Kemp & by him conveyed to Sir Francis Wyatt, Knt., & purchased by Sr. Wm. Berkeley of Capt. Wm. Pierce, Atty. of said Francis Wyatt, Knt., together with 3 acres granted by order of Court to Sir Francis Wyatt & adjoining the said land, and conveyed to Walter Chiles, Sr., father of sd Walter Chiles, dec'd., by Sir Wm. Berkeley, Mch. 20th, 1649, now conveyed &c."

The said Walter Chiles, Sr., died in 1653, leaving Walter Chiles, eldest son and heir-at-law, who entered and built a brick house, in length 37 feet, adjoining the aforesaid messuage, and made his will November 15, 1671, directing that his brick house, with land, &c., should be sold and the proceeds added to his, the said Walter Chiles', estate; therefore they convey all that said messuage or mansion house, heretofore in possession of Thomas Sully, and all that messuage and tenement built by the said Walter Chiles, lately in tenure of Maj. Theophilus Hone, &c. Dated November 25, 1673.

It may be presumed that Col. John Page was guardian of John and Elizabeth Chiles, his grandchildren, and purchased this property for the purpose of settling the estate. As John Chiles was left only a ring in the will of Colonel Page, and Elizabeth was mentioned more generously, I deem that the solution of this seeming partiality was in his having transferred this property, and the 200 acres mentioned by later deed (see next paragraph) also as eldest son and heir-at-law of Walter, he had received more than his sister.

Susannah Chiles, widow of Walter, married Rev. James Waddinge, after May 15th, 1672, for on that date she received, as his (Walter's) widow, a grant of "200 acres in Passbehaves for 99 years on account of buildings and improvements on the Main there, made by Walter Chiles, according to an order of the General Court of June 7th, 1638, for strengthening the Main on this side of Powhatan Swamp, by leasing it out in parcels." (Ludwell MSS, May 15, 1672, in Va. Hist. Soc.) In September, 1693, John Chiles and Mary, his wife, deeded the balance of

their term in this land to Sir Edmund Andross. (Ludwell MSS, D. S., I, 93, Va. Hist. Soc.)

Walter Chiles, Gent., left one son by his second wife, Henry.

In the Council Journal MSS it is stated that in 1671, under date of April 4th, he appeared in behalf of his sons, John and Henry, relative to 1,500 acres of land in Westmoreland county. (*William and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. I, p. 17.)

THIRD GENERATION.

ELIZABETH CHILES,⁸ DAUGHTER OF WALTER.¹

Married Henry Tyler. Issue: John. Both are mentioned in the will of Col. John Page, the Councillor, who was a son of Francis Page, of Bedford, Middlesex county, England.

She was great grandmother of President John Tyler.

On June 25th, 1683, judgment was entered in York county, in favor of Henry Tyler, as having married Elizabeth Chiles, against Maj. Otho Thorpe, for payment of 211 lbs. sterling, "with costs of suit als execution." (York Deeds, Orders, Wills, &c., Vol. VI, p. 499.)

Col. Page's will, dated March, 1686-87, recorded February 24, 1691-92, speaks of "my grandson, John Chiles," and "my granddaughter, Elizabeth Tyler," and "my grandsons, John Tyler, sonne of my granddaughter, Elizabeth Tyler."

Col. Page was 65 years old when he died, and his tomb is in the Bruton Parish church yard. He gave the site for the church building. (See *William and Mary Quarterly*, I, p. 78, and "Letters and Times of the Tylers," Vol. I, p. 49.)

JOHN CHILES,¹ SON OF WALTER.²

Mentioned in will of Col. Page, as above stated. Was a messenger of the Council in 1693. (Council Journal MSS.)

His first wife was Mary ——— (Boucher?)

Received a land grant of 345 acres, in New Kent county, on October 3, 1690. (L. O., VIII, 97.) Again, in 1691, grant of 900 acres in same county, "in the freshes of the York River above Mehixton." This part of the county was embraced in Hanover county when it was formed. The tract was purchased, September, 1744, by Mann Page from Henry Chiles, his son. (*Hening*, V, 278.) Mann Page, son of Mathew and grandson of Colonel John, was a first cousin of John Chiles.

Previous mention has been made of his assignment of the 99-year lease to Sir Edmund Andross.

In 1722 he was granted 300 acres in King William county. According to this grant he was church warden of St. Margaret's Parish. (L. O., II, 86.)

His second wife was Eleanor (Eleander) Webber, daughter of Henry Webber, Gent., of St. John's Parish, King William county. Henry Webber mentions John and Henry Chiles, sons of John Chiles, in his will as grandsons. (Spotts. Rec.)

Issue: John, Henry, William, Micajah, Mary (mentioned in the will of William Boucher, Hanover County Order Book for 1733), Eleanor, Susannah, m. Joseph Martin, of Bristol, Eng., (See Martin Diary and *Va. Hist. Mag.*); Jane, m. John W. Wright. (*William and Mary Quarterly*, I, 78.)

He was a justice in King William county in 1714, and in 1723 was a member of the Assembly from that county. He died that year.

His daughter, Eleanor, petitioned the Council "to stop the patent to Henry Chiles, or any other children of John Chiles, dec'd, in King William." (Spotts. Rec.) Spotsylvania was formed from part of King William. (See *William and Mary Quarterly*, VI, 105.)

Joseph Martin, who married Susannah Chiles, came to Virginia when a young man, married in King William, and later settled in Albemarle. His wife survived him. They had issue: Joseph and ten other children. Gen. Joseph Martin (third son) was a pioneer and patriot, and Martinsville, Va., is named in his honor. (*Va. Hist. Mag.*, VIII, 347.)

HENRY CHILES,¹ SON OF WALTER.²

Lived in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent county, 1699. In the Parish Register are entries of the baptism of Walter and James, children of Henry Chiles, Gent., (1699-1706.)

He was elected a vestryman of St. Peter's Parish in 1702. In the records he is called Capt. Chiles. (St. Peter's Par. Reg., p. 73.)

An old deed, found by the writer in the Clerk's office of King William county, transfers from Richard Littlepage, Gent., and Frances, his wife, November 2, 1702, 400 acres in King William, formerly King and Queen, on the north side of Pamunkey River, to Henry Chiles, Gent., of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent.

He was a justice in New Kent in 1714. (*Va. Hist. Mag.*, II, 9.)

He married Margaret (Littlepage?). Issue: Margaret, (?) m. Samuel Dagnell, of Middlesex county, January 24, 1711 (Christ Church Records); Henry, James, Walter, Hezekiah, Richard, Daniel, (?) and Valentine, who married Giles Thompkins, May 24, 1738. (Order Book: "An Account of Ye Governor's Dues," and St. Peter's Par. Reg.)

JOHN CHILES (CHILDS) SON OF ?

Lived in York county about 1685. His name is written "Child" in some records. Cannot ascertain what connection he had, if any, with the Walter Chiles branch of the family. If the tracing I have of the English origin of Walter Chiles¹ is correct, he had a brother John, but whether he came to Virginia there is no record.

There was a John Childs who emigrated to Maryland about 1660. He was witness of a paper in that colony, dated April 28, 1663. (Allied Families of Delaware, p. 100.) Having no other record I presume he afterwards came to Virginia, as did a number of Marylanders about that time.

He was appointed, in York county, Va., guardian of Ann Evans, orphan of John Evans, deceased, July 24, 1689. Bond, 3,000 lbs. of sweet-scented tobacco in cask. (York Records, Vol. VIII, p. 300.)

He is recorded as witness in suits from time to time until his death, in 1706. He died without heir. Elizabeth Bloxton reported to the court that he had died at her home, and she was appointed executrix, January 24, 1707. At the time of his death he was in evident reduced circumstances, and in the inventory the chief items were a fishing boat and a pair leather breeches.

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THE POINDEXTER FAMILY.

NOTES FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RECORDS.

The first of the Poindexter family in Virginia was George Poindexter who, in the Seventeenth century, settled at the Middle Plantation, now Williamsburg. He was a merchant, part owner of ships and a planter. The entire destruction of the records of New Kent and James City counties and the almost entire destruction of those of Hanover, have precluded the preparation of a connected genealogy of the family, but it has been thought that it would be well to gather the various appearances of records relating to the family in several county records and also some data preserved in private hands. Members of the family, prior to the Revolution, had settled in half a dozen different counties in Virginia and the name is now represented by descendants throughout the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The family, the original form of whose name is Poingdestre, is an ancient gentle line in the Island of Jersey. Fortunately the pedigree preserved there includes the name of George Poingdestre or Poindexter and states that he settled in Virginia. This pedigree is contained in a work entitled *An Armorial of Jersey, Being an Account, Heraldic and Antiquarian of its Chief Native Families*. The account is as follows:

POINGDESTRE.

Arms (used by present families in Jersey): *Per fesse argent and or; in chief a dexter hand, clenched, ppr., cuffed of the second; in base a mullet of the first.* Crest: *An esquire's helmet ppr.*

Two mottoes are used by different branches of the family, one: *Nemo me impune lacessit*, and the other: *Dextra fidei pignus*.

In the *Armorial*, the chart pedigrees are introduced by the following account: